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packing would have slipped into the kidney tray while the patient was passing urine and the tray would not have been examined properly by the nurse on duty before emptying its contents into the bucket kept for the purpose.

(c) The Physicist attached to the hospital is responsible for the raidum kept in the safe. The Radiologist is responsible for the safe custody of the radium from the moment he receives it for treatment till it is returned to the Physicist. The nurse-in-charge of the Radium ward and the Radiologist are responsible for the care of the radium applied to patients.

(d) The loss was found out when radium was removed from the patient by the Medical Officer of the Radium ward. The radium needles were recovered on the very same day with the help of the Radium Detector.

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : What will be the approximate cost of the needles that were found to have been lost temporarily?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Sir, the radium needles were recovered on the very same day. I cannot give the cost price of the needles.

Extension of electricity to Shoranur

* 214 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state how far the work connected with the extension of electricity to Shoranur, Ottapalam, Lakadi, etc., in South Malabar has progressed?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : The extension works in Mundamuga area have been completed and supply of power has been made available to Shoranur, Chuduvanathur, Mudumaka and Nedupathur villages. The work for extending supply to Karakkad, Vanniamkulam and Ottapalam is in progress. The high tension line work up to Kunnathara (i.e., for 1–6 miles), has already been completed.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Sir, the latest information I have received is that the work has been stopped. Will the Hon. the Minister examine whether the information I have received is correct and see that the work is not stopped?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : I have no information on that. I shall make enquiries, but my information is that the work is in progress.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Sir, may I know whether there is any proposal to extend the line to Cherpalacheri and Pattambi?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : I have no information. A separate question may be put.

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SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Are the Government aware that a sum of Rs. 2 lakhs has been sanctioned to extend electric supply in Payyanur Block Development area and, if so, what steps have the Government taken to extend supply of power there? If the amount has lapsed, how do the Government propose to utilize that amount?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : This has no connexion with the main question.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Sir, the Pattambi area is contiguous and very near to the Shoranur area. In view of the fact that the representatives of the area have waited on deputation and submitted a memorandum to the Government, will the Hon. Minister examine the memorandum and see that power is supplied to the Pattambi area before the reorganization of the States?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : Certainly, it will be examined and considered.

Refresher courses on traffic regulations and first-aids

*215 *Q*.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether the Government have any scheme of giving refresher courses on traffic regulations and first-aids to (*a*) drivers and (*b*) conductors of motor vehicles under—

(i) Government Transport Service ; and

(ii) other services run by private bodies?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : A scheme to provide refresher courses for drivers and other workers in the Madras State Transport Department who require training has been sanctioned by the Government in 1953, and is being continued. During the refresher course, drivers are given instructions relating to Highway Code, rules of the roads, etc. There is no refresher course for conductors, but candidates provisionally selected are given necessary training in training classes before they are appointed as conductors.

There is no information whether refresher courses on traffic regulations are conducted for drivers and conductors in the transport services of private operators.

There is also no scheme for giving training in First Aid to drivers and conductors in the Madras State Transport Department and in transport services run by private operators.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Sir, may I know whether there is any training centre or any refresher course centre in Malabar district and, if so, where the centre is?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Not run by the Government, at any rate.